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1/3 Price.

Saturday special sales in the Wrap room. This means that the reductions in price will be such that you should investigate without delay.

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IN THE OIL FIELDS.

On the South Fork of Hughes' river, Doddridge county, W. Va., the Carter Oil company has completed its No. 2 on the D. P. and L. M. Stout farm, located 3,000 feet northwest of the same company's No. 1 on the S. W. Stout farm and has a thirty-five or forty-barrel producer. The same company has drilled in a test well on the M. G. Zinn farm, located eight hundred feet southwest of No. 1, G. P. Zinn, and has a show for a light producer from the Big Injun sand, probably a fifteen-barrel pumper.

On the Big Mills tract, in Wetzel county, the Kanawha Oil Company has drilled in its No. 47, and has a show for a paying producer. Nos. 40 and 42 on this tract are still making 25 and 26 barrels a day, respectively.

In the Wolf Summit field, in Harrison county, the following wells are taking one hundred or more barrels a day: H. Lynch No. 22, South Penn Oil Company, 125 barrels; and No. 2, same farm, 150 barrels; Steelsmith & Greenlee's Nos. 1 and 7, Friend Wagner, 100 and 170 barrels, respectively.

In the Whiskey Run pool, in Ritchie county, the Southern Oil Company has drilled its No. 5 on the Abicht farm into the Keener sand and has a show for a small well, not better than five barrels a day. The same company has a rig up for No. 9 on the Abicht farm.

East of the Whiskey Run pool, Carlton & Company are drilling No. 6 on the Venice farm at 800 feet.

In the Jackson Ridge development, on the Ohio side, in Monroe county, the Southern Oil Company has drilled its No. 5, on the Robert Hawkins farm into the Keener sand and has a show for a thirty-barrel producer. The same company's No. 2, Schaub, is in the sand and showing for fifteen barrels a day. This district shows considerable activity, the wells do not average more than fifteen barrels, when first completed, but they show fairly good staying qualities. This district completed, nine wells during the month, and all are producers except one gas well in the Keener sand. There are thirty-seven rigs and drillings wells under way at this time.

Wilson run completed twelve wells, two dusters and ten producers, with an aggregate new production of 172 barrels.

The Cadis pool was very promising three months ago, but during the present month the developments have changed the prospects. There were seven wells completed, six were dusters and five producers. The new production amounted to 257 barrels. There are four wells drilling at this time; seven locations, at which rigs had been erected, have been abandoned.

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SQUIRE SROLOWITZ SHOWS

Milton Parker That His Court of Justice is No Idle Jest.

Squire Srolowitz, who enjoys the distinction of being the youngest justice in the state, intends to uphold the dignity of his court, and he used an effective ultimatum yesterday to win the desired respect from Milton Parker, who was defendant in a case that came up for hearing. While arranging the preliminaries, the youthful expounder of justice became annoyed by the inattention and levity manifested by Parker, who seemingly did not grasp the situation. Finally the placid countenance of Judge Srolowitz unwreathed itself into indignant lines, and bringing his jeweled hand down on his desk, he said: "See here, Mr. Parker, you'll pay attention to me or I'll fine you for contempt of court." This had the desired effect. The charge against Parker was of maintaining a house of ill fame in Fulton. It was preferred by Mrs. Flowers, who places a serious charge against her husband, who is employed by Parker. The cases were continued until January 8.

The Arkle Funeral.

The funeral of the late Joseph A. Arkle occurred yesterday morning at 9 o'clock, from the Church of the Immaculate Conception, South Side, and was largely attended, especially by the old soldiers. Bishop Donahue delivered the funeral address, and paid high tribute to the many admirable qualities of the deceased. In Mr. Arkle's death the church had lost an able and willing worker, and it could be said that Father Mullen had lost his right hand. At the grave, in Mt. Calvary cemetery, the services were in charge of the G. A. R.

PINE Skating at Hygeia Skating Rink to-day. Meister's full orchestra will furnish music this evening. A special matinee will be given New Year's Day.

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FORMAL TRANSFER

Of the Moundsville, Wheeling & Benwood Railroad to

WHEELING RAILWAY CO. MEN

Was Made Thursday, and Directors of the Latter Company Become Directors in the Former—Howard Hazlett, Who Was Once Receiver, Has Been Made General Manager of the Line.

A few weeks ago the Intelligencer exclusively chronicled the transfer of the Benwood Southern railway to gentlemen interested in the Wheeling Railway Company, and the Market Street Belated came out next day in a week effort to show how such a deal could not be made. The formal transfer was made on Thursday of this week, it develops, and the purchasers are as announced in the Intelligencer previously.

The stock was bought by T. H. Condemner, of Philadelphia, president of the Wheeling Railway Company, and then distributed among a few stockholders of this company on Thursday, when the vacancies on the board of directors of the Benwood Southern, caused by the withdrawal of those who had sold out, were filled and Mr. Howard Hazlett was made manager.

Five of the old board sold out and retired, as follows: W. A. Wilson, E. M. Holliday and Alfred Paul, of Wheeling; C. A. Weaver, of Moundsville, and Robert McCormick, of Sistersville. Messrs. Jere A. Miller, of this city, and B. F. Peabody, of Glendale, who did not sell, were retained on the board, and they, with the following compose the new board: T. H. Condemner, J. J. Holloway, Henry M. Russell, L. F. Stifel and Howard Hazlett.

It would seem that the day is not very far distant when the two roads will be consolidated. The termini of the roads almost touch at Benwood, and it will create little surprise if the council of that town is asked to give its consent to the connection of the tracks. At any rate, it is reasonable to presume that the new management will seek to improve the service between Wheeling and Moundsville, as fast as circumstances permit. Manager Paul pulled the Benwood Southern up in great shape and he will have a worthy successor in Mr. Hazlett, who acted in a similar capacity while receiver for the road. It is said in certain circles, however, that Mr. Hazlett will act only temporarily.

IRON AND STEEL REVIEWED

In the Current Issue of the Ohio Valley Manufacturer.

In its current issue the Ohio Valley Manufacturer reviews the iron and steel trade, as follows:

The holiday week was an unusually quiet one in the iron and steel market. No business of any consequence is expected until after the first of the year. Prices are not likely to decline and when new business is offered it is predicted that still higher rates than are now ruling will prevail. The only transaction this week was the sale of about 3,000 tons of Bessemer pig iron at \$25. It is said that this price was paid in the valley for the 40,000 ton order recently given by a large steel concern, for iron to be delivered during the first half of next year.

The only line in the iron and steel industry that continues in an unsatisfactory condition is sheets. One large manufacturing concern has withdrawn all quotations and announces that it will make no further quotations until trade improves. Stock will be held until prices advance. There is no immediate prospect for higher rates in sheets and no change in the situation is expected until after the first of the year. A general meeting of sheet manufacturers is to be held early in January, when the committee appointed to prepare plans for a consolidation of the interests will present its report. If a satisfactory agreement can be entered into better prices for sheets are assured. At present the low existing rates are being cut. One manufacturer quotes on an inquiry for 500 tons an unusually low price and was surprised when informed that the order had been placed elsewhere at a lower price. No. 27 gauge is quoted at 2.50 to 2.55 cents a pound and No. 28 at 2.55 to 3 cents. The leading sheet manufacturing concern of the Pittsburgh district refuses to sell No. 28 at less than 3.10 cents.

It is reported here that tin plate stocks have been greatly reduced and that the American Tin Plate Company contemplate starting the two large idle plants in Pittsburgh, the Star and Monongahela, early next year. An official announcement has been made that orders for tin plate will now be taken for the second quarter of 1900. This may result in the starting of a number of the idle

plants of the combination all over the country.

There have been no sales of steel billets during the week. One dealer quotes billets for next year at \$35.50 and another at \$37. It is not likely that there will be a fixed price for billets until buyers begin to place their orders next month.

The local mills are very busy on rush work or are closed down for repairs or stock taking. Buyers as well as sellers have withdrawn from the market this week, and naturally the trade is very quiet. However, it is the full that precedes the storm. And unless we are misinformed, there will be a general move among the small buyers the first month of the new year to provide themselves with pig, steel and finished material. Especially does this apply to foundry iron. The new concerns and the increased business of the old companies and the experience of the last year still fresh in mind will be an incentive to them to avoid the harassing delays of the past by a shortage of material and impatient trade demanding immediate shipment.

Pig iron—The rate for Bessemer pig is very firm at \$24, and while a few sales are reported the general impression is that the price will be advanced in less than ninety days.

Billets—With so many large orders booked for delivery in the first four months of 1900, sellers find few who are willing to entertain any proposition at the present price, \$30. The trade seems confident that lower rates will prevail. Finished Material—In sheet bars, sheet steel, muck bars and skelp iron there is little or nothing doing and prices are weak and uncertain as to the near future. In structural iron and steel the case is different, so many large contracts still remaining to be filled that a firm market is general.

Old Material—The amount of old material that has been accumulated and brought to the market has marked the enterprise of the junk man, but he has over-loaded the market and must now abide his time or sell cheap.

THE TURNERS

Will Entertain This Evening in a New Year's Entertainment.

A New Year's eve rehearsal by Mayer's band and a gymnastic entertainment by the Wheeling Turnverein, will be given at Turner hall, North Market street, to-morrow evening. The following attractive programme has been arranged, and dancing will begin after midnight:

PART I.
March—"Festival".....Marsden
Overture—"America" (National Air).....Tobias
Merry Overture.....Mackie
Introducing—Pill Shake U Ds Old Town....."Sweet Sweet Love".....Yes
When I Need You Most You Turn Me Down....."In Dear Old London".....Bennett
Romance for Trombone.....Bennett
Played by R. C. Yahring.
Overture—"White City".....Angel
PART II.
Horizontal Bar.....Senior Class
Vocal Selection.....Miss Clara Schneider
Parallels are—"Pyramid".....Senior Class
Vaulting Horse.....Junior Class
Solo Club Swinging.....Charles Seidel and Master Lionel
Grand Finale, arranged especially for this entertainment by Mr. Jacob Loos, entitled "The Stars and Stripes Forever."
Music Selections.....Louis Schwarzbach, Louis Gebhardt, Conrad Wasserman, Charles Lyons
Tuba Solo—Selected.....Henke
A. Andrews, Soloist.
Aria from "Lucia di Lammermoor".....Louis Schwarzbach, Louis Gebhardt
Overture—"Silver Bells".....Schleppgrill
Pitter Patter Polka.....Brooke
March.....Brooke

Praise for Warden Hawk.

Charley Gibson, of this city, was released from the state penitentiary at Moundsville, yesterday, and he called at the Intelligencer office to express his appreciation of Warden Hawk's management of the big penal institution. Mr. Gibson, who was given a two-year sentence, was released after serving twenty months, on account of his good conduct. He was implicated in the theft of goods from the Joseph Speidel Grocery Company, and the young man's friends are confident it will be his last indiscretion. He says the penitentiary was rather "rocky" when he first entered it, but that it has improved fully 100 per cent since. The food is of a good substantial character, and in the hospital section there are all the conveniences compatible with an up-to-date hospital. Mr. Gibson speaks highly also of Dr. Steele and his assistant, Mr. Fisher.

New Year's at the Postoffice.

Postmaster Wise has made the following order regarding the observance of New Year's Day: Stamp and general delivery window open from 8:30 to 10 a. m.; money order and register division will be closed all day. One delivery will be made by carriers, leaving the office at 8 a. m.; collection of all letter boxes will be made by carriers arriving at the office at 6:15 and 11 a. m.; collections of letter boxes in the business district will be made, collector arriving at the office at 9 and 11 a. m. and 12:30, 5 and 8 p. m. Mails will be received and dispatched as usual.

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SEEKING THE BANK.

The Ice is Getting So Heavy That Navigation Suspends.

MANY PACKETS HAVE STOPPED

And the Others Will Likely Be Unable to Struggle Successfully With the Ice—None of the Packets Will Tie Up Here, Owing to the Dangerous Harbor—An Ice Harbor Should Be Provided for Wheeling.

Navigation, which until a few weeks ago had been suspended for several months on account of low water, is now on the verge of total suspension on account of the extremely heavy ice coming down from the frigid Allegheny. The ice is heavy now and is making fast.

The Wheeling packets went to the bank as follows:

The Leroy departed for Clarington at 3:30 p. m., Friday, and tied up at Clarington last night.

The Bloise left for below at 9 a. m., Friday, and ties up at Marietta.

The H. K. Bedford started out from Parkersburg for Wheeling, but the ice was more than she could negotiate coming up-stream, and she went into the harbor at Marietta yesterday.

The Ben Hur passed down yesterday at 11 o'clock, and ties up at Parkersburg.

The T. M. Bayne, Ruth and Urania quit Thursday. The Bayne is at Steubenville, and the two Bay boats at Marietta.

The Greenwood left Pittsburgh last evening and will endeavor to reach Point Pleasant, at the mouth of the Great Kanawha.

The Virginia passed up for Pittsburgh yesterday morning, and if possible she will come out for a last trip to Cincinnati, clearing Wheeling Sunday, at 8 a. m.

The Keystone State left Cincinnati last evening for Pittsburgh, and will come through to Pittsburgh, if possible. It is likely she will have to go to the bank below this port somewhere, if the cold weather continues.

The Queen City lays up at Cincinnati on her arrival there to-day.

The Kanawha is on her way up the river, and is trying to reach Pittsburgh. She is due to pass this port to-morrow morning.

The Lorena is at Pittsburgh and will likely be here Sunday for Zanesville, where she will tie up.

The Jewel has laid up at Matamoras. It will be noted that none of the packets has tied up at this port—and for a very good reason. For years the Wheeling harbor has been considered a very dangerous place in an ice break-up, and if the steamboatmen can possibly harbor their boats elsewhere they do it. In this connection, the rivermen's claim that Wheeling should be provided with ice breakers is again given prominence, and if Congressmen Dovenor would go after this improvement for his home town he would be in even greater favor with the river people—here than that is possible.

Here, at 6 p. m. Friday, the marks showed 8 feet 8 inches and falling. Weather, cloudy and cold.

THE RIVER.

YESTERDAY'S DEPARTURES.
Pittsburgh—VIRGINIA, 1 p. m.
Parkersburg—BEN HUR, 11 a. m.
Newport—FLORENCE, 11 a. m.
Clarington—LEROY, 3:30 p. m.

BOATS LEAVING TO-DAY.
Pittsburgh—GREENWOOD, 6:30 a. m.
BOATS LEAVING TO-MORROW.
Cincinnati—VIRGINIA, 8 a. m.
Pittsburgh—KEYSTONE STATE, 8 a. m.
Zanesville—LORENA, 4 a. m.
Pittsburgh—KANAWHA, 7 a. m.

Ice Interferes.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 29.—Either a suspension of navigation on the Ohio river from Pittsburgh to Cincinnati or a considerable obstruction from floating ice is in close prospect. The river is falling from Pittsburgh to Louisville, except at Point Pleasant, where backwater from a dam caused a rise.

The Big Sandy is closed at Catlettsburg and at Portsmouth one-third of the surface of water is filled with floating ice.

River Telegrams.

GREENSBORO—River 7 feet 10 inches and falling. Weather, cloudy and cold. River closed.

BROWNVILLE—River 6 feet and stationary. River frozen.

MORGANTOWN—River 7 feet 6 inches and stationary. Weather, clear and cold.

STUEBENVILLE—River 7 feet 1 inch and falling. Weather, clear and cold. Passed up: Queen City. The local packet, T. M. Bayne, is laid up on account of ice.

OIL CITY—River 2 feet 2 inches. Weather, cold and snowing.

PITTSBURGH—River 8 1/2 feet and falling. Weather, clear and cold.

PARKERSBURG—River 9 feet and falling; stream full of heavy ice. Weather, cloudy; mercury, 15. Duster down: Ben Hur. Local traffic suspended.

Little Kanawha frozen. No boats.

WARREN—River 3 feet 6 inches. Weather, fair and cold.

IN THE CHURCHES.

At the Fourth Street M. E. church, Dr. A. Moore, presiding elder, will preach at 10:30 a. m. At night there will be watch-night services, commencing at 9 o'clock, and continuing until midnight. The choir will render the following numbers:

"See Now the Altar"—(Les Ramsau), bass solo and chorus.....Faure
"O Holy Night"—tenor solo and chorus.....Adam
"O Little Town of Bethlehem"—full chorus.....Nevin
"There Were Shepherds"—Duet.....Riedinger
"One Sweetly Solemn Thought"—soprano solo.....Box
Dr. Sooy, the pastor, will preach on the subject, "Discounting the Future." Holy communion will follow the sermon. The public is cordially invited to all these services, and to spend the closing hours of the old year in the house of God.

First Baptist church, Rev. Martin W. Buck, pastor—Preaching at 10:30 a. m., subject, "Second Annual Sermon"; preaching at 7:30 p. m., subject, "Old Year Reflections and New Year Resolves." Sunday school at 9:15 a. m. Sunday school at Chapel A, corner Broadway and Maryland streets, and at Chapel B, 2306 Eoff street, at 2:30 p. m. All are cordially invited to attend. Annual entertainment and treat at Chapel B, Monday evening. Parents and friends cordially invited.

North street M. E. church—Services, preaching by the pastor, Rev. C. R. Graham, Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Morning theme, "The King's Daughters' Tribute." Evening theme, "A Retrospect of 1899." Sunday school at 2 p. m. Epworth League watch meeting by several leaders 10 to 11. General watch meeting following till 1900. Special meetings during the week to which all are invited.

The First English Evangelical Lutheran church, on Sixteenth street, will hold its regular quarterly communion services on Sunday, at 10:30 and 7:30 o'clock. The pastor will be assisted at the morning service by Rev. W. A. Hartman, of Avonmore, Pa., who has accepted the call to become the pastor of the Second English Evangelical Lutheran church worshipping in the A. O. U. W. hall, corner of Thirty-sixth and Jacob streets. Sunday school at 2 p. m.

At Simpson M. E. church, Rev. J. W. Waters, pastor, there will be preaching in the morning at 10:30, subject, "Hold Fast." Watch meeting will commence at 8:30 p. m. and continue until after midnight, subject, "Looking Into the New Year." Rev. A. J. Jones and G. W. Johnson will also deliver short addresses. The remainder of the time will be passed with experience and song services. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m., and at 4 p. m. there will be a penitential and consecration, led by Mrs. Carrie Berry.

In Clerk Robertson's Office.

Yesterday, in Clerk Robertson's office, the following were recorded:
Deed made April 20, 1899, by Stone Church Cemetery to Jacob Kindelberger; consideration, \$35; transfers lot 153.
Deed made December 12, 1899, by W. M. Hutchison and wife to Emma Rees; consideration, \$600; transfers twenty-two acres of land near the village of Greggville.
Deed made December 29, 1899, by Carl Sobenski and wife to Clem F. Peters; consideration, \$750; transfers lots 35 and 39 in Park View.
Three deeds of trust were recorded.

SATURDAY, December 30, will be the last day to pay water rents. Office open until 8 o'clock evenings.

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DIED.

CARROLL—On Thursday, December 29, 1899, at 11:46 p. m., MARTIN, the infant son of Martin and Mary Carroll, aged 10 months and 1 day.
Funeral services at family residence, No. 1041 Lind street, this (Saturday) at 10 o'clock. Friends of the family respectfully invited to attend. Interment at Peninsula cemetery.

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The former are offered at 50c and 75c on the dollar. The latter most all go at 50c, especially all 50c Neckwear at 25c.
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All Ye Who Have Been Waiting For The Crash

In prices are now rewarded. As a fitting climax to the most successful year in this store's history we will celebrate by having the Price-Cutting event now, instead of the merchant's usual time in February. We'll place such goods on sale that you need right now, at prices that'll suit you right now, and what's more, "WE'LL TRUST YOU."

We Want Your Wife TO COME AND EXAMINE THESE BARGAINS.

\$30.00, \$27.50, \$25.00 Jackets now go at.....\$19.98
\$22.50, \$20.00, \$18.00 Jackets now for.....\$15.98
\$16.50, \$15.00, \$13.50 Jackets now for.....\$10.98
\$12.50, \$10.50, \$ 9.50 Jackets now for.....\$ 7.48
Last season's \$10.00 Jackets for.....\$ 3.98
Last season's \$ 7.50 Jackets for.....\$ 1.98

Capas.

\$1.25, \$1.00 Cloth Capes.....25c each
Some \$2.00 Cloth Capes.....50c each
Some \$3.00 Cloth Capes.....95c each
A few \$3.00 Plush Capes.....\$1.98 each
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\$15.00 Overcoat, now.....\$10.98
\$15.00 Suits, now.....\$11.98
\$12.50 Overcoats, now.....\$ 9.98
\$12.50 Suits, now.....\$10.48
\$10.00 Suits, now.....\$ 7.98
\$ 8.50 Suits, now.....\$ 6.48
\$1.19 for your choice of 163 pairs of \$1.50 and \$2.00 Dress Pants.
Odds and Ends in Boys' \$1.50 to \$2.50 Knee Pants Suits go now at only \$1.19 for choice.
Jeans Pants for workmen.....35c pair

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